

EPA Brownfields Grants & Technical Assistance



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What is a Brownfield?



- ☐ *“...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”*
- ☐ Abandoned, idled, or underused industrial or commercial facilities
- ☐ Redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination

“Hazardous Substances, Pollutants, and Contaminants”



- Hazardous substances
- Petroleum contamination
- Asbestos & lead based paint
- Controlled substances (e.g., meth labs)
- Mine-scarred lands
- Other environmental contaminants



Annual EPA Brownfields Funding (national level)

\$70-75 Million

**ASSESSMENT
GRANTS**

**CLEANUP
REVOLVING LOAN
FUND GRANTS**

**DIRECT CLEANUP
GRANTS**

**JOB-TRAINING
GRANTS**

**TARGETED
BROWNFIELDS
ASSESSMENTS**

\$50 Million

**STATE & TRIBAL
RESPONSE
PROGRAM GRANTS**



Eligible Grant Recipients



- Local Governments
- States
- Tribes
- Non-profits - 501 (C)3 - (cleanup, job training and TBA only)
- Regional Council of Local Governments
- Redevelopment Agency chartered by State

Assessment Grants



- To inventory, characterize, and assess brownfield properties; to conduct planning, outreach and community involvement; and/or to prepare cleanup plans.
- Community-wide or site specific (single site)
- For site specific, \$200k or up to \$350K per property with approved waiver
- Coalitions can apply for up to \$1 million.
- No-cost share required

Ouray County, CO

Canyon Creek Mine-Scarred Lands



Cleanup Grant



- To carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites
- Up to \$200K per property
- Cost share requirement of 20%
- Must have title prior to receiving funds
- Non-profits may apply

Martha Rose/Walsh Smelter Silverton, Colorado



Then...



Now...



MARTHA ROSE DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN- LOOP ROAD

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Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant



- To make low interest loans to carryout cleanup activities at brownfields properties.
- Up to \$1M per eligible entity
- Coalitions may apply
- Cost share requirement of 20%



Belmar Town Center – Lakewood, CO

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs)

(Non-grant Assistance)



- EPA assistance to communities by providing assessment support
- Typical assistance consists of Phase I, II, and/or III environmental assessments
- Ongoing selection process (i.e., no application deadline)
- TBAs conducted by EPA environmental consultants



TBA for Habitat for Humanity Denver, CO

Job Training Grants



- Grants to provide environmental skills for residents of communities affected by brownfields
- Max funding is \$200,000
- Colleges, universities, non-profit training centers, cities, states, among others are eligible

**Environmental Job Training
for the Crow Indian Tribal
Members**



Interested in Applying?



- Final ARC Grant Guidelines posted in late summer 2008 followed by 90-day application window
- *Draft* Guidelines are available @ www.epa.gov/region8/brownfields
- Free “Understanding the Brownfields Guidelines” internet based “webinars” hosted by EPA Region 8
 - Dates August 13th and September 15th
 - Registration at: <http://www.clu-in.org/conf/tio/r8bfguidelines>
- These grants are highly competitive so begin planning now!

Thank you!



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